



LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Lithgow Public Library

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta

May 2025 Newsletter

www.lithgowlibrary.org

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday:

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to Noon

(207)-626-2415

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The Library will be CLOSED
Monday, May 26th for
Memorial Day.



Midweek Mingle at the Library!



Join the Autism Society of Maine for Midweek Mingle at the Library, a welcoming and sensory-friendly playgroup for autistic children up to age 5 and their caregivers. Hosted by the Autism Society of Maine, this drop-in program provides a fun and supportive environment where kids can socialize, explore sensory toys, enjoy crafts, and more - while caregivers connect with one another.

For more information, contact Tara at the Autism Society of Maine at offassist@asonline.org or 1-800-273-5200.

Wednesday, May 21st

11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Every third Wednesday of the month!



Sandy River Ramblers Concert



The Ramblers are a uniquely Maine-flavored folk-bluegrass band. They boast gorgeous 3-and-4-part harmony singing with Stan Keach (lead vocals), Liz Keach, and bassist Julie Davenport. The stellar instrumental playing of banjoist Bud Godsoe, mandolinist Bobby St. Pierre, and fiddler Don LeBlanc are also featured by the band, which mixes serious and poignant songs, and stunning instrumentals with sidesplitting comedy numbers.

The Sandy River Ramblers have been an active professional band for over 40 years, making them the all-time longevity champion among Maine bluegrass bands.

Thursday, May 1st at 6 p.m.



The French Connection

Presented by Dana Murch

Saturday, May 3rd at 10 a.m.



In this presentation, Belfast resident and genealogist Dana Murch will discuss the life and times of the Acadian and Québécois families he researched for his recent book on the genealogy and family connections of his maternal grandparents. He will highlight many original vital records (recorded in French), as well as various U.S. and Canadian census records, family records, and photos of churches, gravestones and family memorials. He will also discuss many significant events affecting these families during the more than 400-year history of present-day Maine, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Québec.



The Friends of Lithgow Public Library Museum and Park Pass Program

Lithgow Library's popular pass program, sponsored by the Friends of Lithgow Library, is back! To borrow a pass, you must have a valid, unexpired library card and owe no fines or fees.

Listed below are all of the passes that are offered:

- ◆ Children's Museum and Theater of Maine
- ◆ Maine Maritime Museum
- ◆ Portland Museum of Art
- ◆ Boothbay Railway Village
- ◆ Maine State Parks
- ◆ Maine Wildlife Park
- ◆ Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens
- ◆ Farnsworth Museum
- ◆ Southworth Planetarium
- ◆ The Village



Teacup Exchange



Lithgow Public Library will host a teacup exchange! How will this work? You may drop off 1-2 gently used teacups with their saucers at the Circulation Desk the week before or the morning of. You may then pick out a new set to take home and enjoy. You may also optionally bring your favorite individually wrapped tea bags to share.

Saturday, May 10th from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Fraud & Scam Prevention

Are You Worried About Scammers?
Learn How To Be A Fraud Fighter to Protect Yourself From Fraud and Scam Attempts!



This informative program will be presented by an AARP Maine Fraud Watch Volunteer.

Friday, May 2nd at 11 a.m.



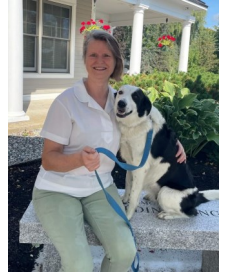
Registration is required. Please go to the online calendar on our website.

Barks and Books

Barks and Books is a read to a dog program for children up to age 13.

Friday, May 9th at 3:15 p.m.

Each child will have 15 minutes to read aloud to the dogs from a book of their choice (bring your own or use one of ours). The dogs are trained, volunteer therapy dogs who love being read to.



There are limited time slots per program, so we encourage you to sign up in advance. To register, please contact Youth Services.

Food for Thought

We'll discuss food-themed books, enjoy a snack, and complete a fun, book-related activity. For children 3 to 8 (with a caregiver). To sign up, stop by the Children's Room or call us at 207-626-2415.



Registration is recommended.

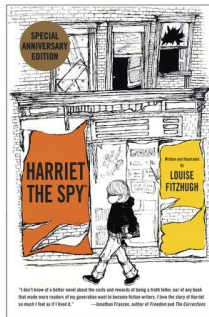
Wednesday, May 7th at 6 p.m.

Tween Book Group

Tuesday, May 13th at 6 p.m.

Kids 10-12 are invited to join us for a book discussion and hangout each month. Pizza will be provided!

This month, we'll be reading *Harriet the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh. Registration is required - please register by stopping by the Children's Room or calling us at 626-2415.



"Building Hope: Ending Homelessness in Maine"



A Documentary Showing

Join us for "Building Hope: Ending Homelessness in Maine," followed by a panel discussion with representatives from local groups who are addressing some of the needs of the unhoused population in our city. These include meals, medical services, warming shelters and social services.



This powerful documentary shares the stories of unhoused Mainers striving to rebuild their lives after life-altering events like domestic violence, the pandemic, and incarceration. Featuring insights from leaders working to address homelessness, director Richard Kane's latest film is a moving call to action, reminding us of our power to make a difference.

Tuesday, May 20th from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Lithgow Book Club

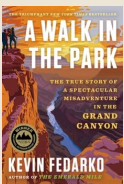
A monthly book discussion group for adults that is free and open to the public. Reserve your copy today!



Martyr!

by Kaveh Akbar

Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m.



A Walk in the Park

by Kevin Fedarko

Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m.

The Stitchery

A Fiber Arts Social Hour

The first and third Tuesday of the month at noon.



The Stitchery is a gathering for people to get together and create with other fiber arts enthusiasts. Do you hand embroider, cross stitch, needlepoint, quilt, knit, crochet, or rug hook? Join us. All fiber crafts are welcome. While not a class, our group meets to socialize and encourage each other to finish our projects.

Give Us Your Books!

The Library will accept donations for its annual book sale beginning in May on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Friends will accept gently used fiction and nonfiction, children's books, DVDs, music CDs, and audiobooks.

They will NOT accept textbooks, encyclopedias, VCR or cassette tapes, or anything in poor condition.

If you wouldn't buy it yourself, please don't donate it.

The sale will be September 4th-6th.

Friends of Lithgow Library Board

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